

**I. AMENDMENTS****In the Claims:**

Please replace all prior listing of claims with the following listing:

1. (Previously Amended) A method of diagnosing a depression or stress modulated by corticotropin-releasing hormone (CRH) induced gene expression in an individual, said method comprising:
  - a) obtaining a biological sample of said individual;
  - b) determine the level of gene transcription of a gene comprising a nucleic acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO.19; and
  - c) correlating a change in the level of said gene transcription of step b) to depression or stress.
2. (Previously Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the biological sample is a bodily fluid or tissue sample.
3. (Previously Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the level of gene transcription is determined for the gene consisting of the nucleic acid sequences as set forth in SEQ ID NO.19.
4. (Previously Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the level of gene transcription is assessed using a probe which binds to a polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO.19.
5. (Previously Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the level of gene expression is determined using microarray technology.
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33. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the level of gene expression is determined using nucleic acid amplification technique.
34. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the level of gene expression is determined using hybridization technique.

35. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the level of gene expression is determined using immunological technique.
36. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the level of gene expression is determined using separation technique.